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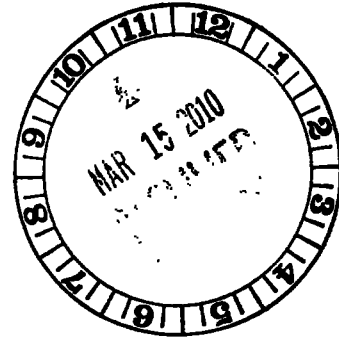
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March 9, 2010



Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 314X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment in Latrobe, Westmoreland County, PA

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The Latrobe Foundation and the Latrobe-Unity Parks and Recreation Commission have been in negotiations with John Foley, Property Manager, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Pittsburgh, regarding the acquisition of the above named parcel for a Public Use/Interim Trail Use condition since October, 2009.

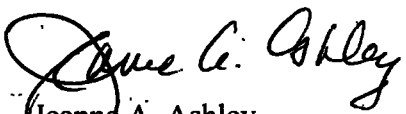
We have had the land appraised by a PA Certified General Real Estate Appraiser that is very experienced in appraising railroad corridors and have had reviews by rail salvage companies to establish the value of the rail, ties, and other materials. Since we have had substantial snow on the ground throughout much of late December, January and February, we have just recently obtained the needed information from both the appraiser and the salvage company. We are working toward a final agreement but still have much work to do.

We will not be able to complete an agreement by April 5, 2010. We would like to request a 180 day extension of our time period to reach an agreement. We are confident that we can complete an agreement with Norfolk Southern within this extended time period. Norfolk Southern has indicated to us that they would be willing to agree to this time extension.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. We are submitting a copy of this request to Daniel Kruger, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

Respectfully submitted,


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Vice President, The Latrobe Foundation


Jeanne A. Ashley
Executive Director, Latrobe-Unity Parks
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cc: Mr. Daniel Kruger, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation
Mr. John H. Foley, Property Manager, Norfolk Southern Corporation